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Bharat Net
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of progress made under Bahrat Net Phase against the set target along with the details of Gram Panchayats connected so far;

(b) whether the Government is considering the initiating of Phase II of the Bharat Net;

(c) whether any special feature is included for Phase II implementation in terms of strengthening of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) as well as the monitoring mechanism and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government intends to engage any other agency/private sector in the process for efficient functioning and effective project management and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has evaluated the performance of the three PSUs involved in the National Optical Fibre Network till date as compared to targets set, State-wise and if so, the details thereof, State-wise and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) BharatNet project is planned to be implemented in phases. Under Phase-I of the project, 1 lakh Gram Panchayats (GPs) are to be connected by laying underground OFC by March 2017. The status of progress made under BharatNet Phase-I, as on 09.07.2016, is given below:-

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Items Planned Achieved
Pipe laid (km) 2,30,000 1,50,540
OFC pulled (km) 2,30,000 1,25,642
Pipe laid (Gram Panchayats) 1,00,000 64,875
Optical Fibre Network (OFC) pulled (Gram Panchayats) 1,00,000 54,023
Connectivity provided (Gram Panchayats) 1,00,000 7,312

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(b) to (d) Under Phase-II of BharatNet project, it is planned to provide connectivity to remaining 1.5 lakh GPs in the country using an optimal mix of underground fibre, fibre over power lines, radio and satellite media, by December, 2018. The salient features of BharatNet Phase-II in terms of strengthening of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) i.e. BBNL and monitoring mechanism are at Annexure-I.

(e) The performance of all the three CPSUs is being monitored regularly at various levels. State-wise performance of CPSUs in implementation of BharatNet is at Annexure-II.